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Claim 1 (Previously Presented): A device comprising:

an encoder configured to receive a speech sample and generate an encoded voice packet from said speech sample, said encoded voice packet having a packet size and a plurality of bytes;

an encryption unit configured to receive a voice block and generate an encrypted voice block, said voice block having a block size, wherein said packet size is not divisible by said block size and yields a remainder; and

a packet block manager configured to divide said encoded voice packet into a plurality of first voice blocks each having said block size, and provide said plurality of first voice blocks to said encryption unit, said packet block manager further configured to create a remainder voice block having said block size and including remainder bytes of said encoded voice packet, wherein the packet block manager is further configured to employ a pre-determined technique for selecting additional bytes from said plurality of first voice blocks, and further configured to include said additional bytes selected from said plurality of first voice blocks in said remainder voice block following said remainder bytes in said remainder voice block and provide said remainder voice block to said encryption unit.

Claim 2 (Previously Presented): The device of claim 1, wherein said pre-determined technique employed by said packet block manager applies a mask to select said additional bytes from said plurality of first voice packets.

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Claim 3 (Cancelled)

Claim 4 (Original): The device of claim 1, wherein said encoder is a G.711 encoder.

Claim 5 (Original): The device of claim 1, wherein said encryption unit employs Advanced Encryption Standard encryption.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): A method comprising:

generating an encoded voice packet from a speech sample, said encoded voice packet having a packet size and a plurality of bytes;

dividing said encoded voice packet into a plurality of first voice blocks each having a block size, wherein said packet size is not divisible by said block size and yields a remainder;

creating [[an]] a plurality of first encrypted voice blocks from [[a]] said plurality of first voice blocks, said voice block having a block size, wherein said packet size is not divisible by said block size and yields a remainder;

dividing said encoded voice packet into a plurality of first voice blocks each having said block size;

providing said plurality of first voice blocks to said encryption unit;

creating a remainder voice block having said block size and including remainder bytes;

selecting additional bytes from said plurality of first voice blocks by applying a pre-determined technique to said plurality of first voice blocks;

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including said additional bytes selected from said plurality of first voice blocks in said remainder voice block following said remainder bytes in said remainder voice block; and

~~providing~~ creating an encrypted remainder voice block from said remainder voice block ~~to said encryption unit.~~

Claim 7 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 6, wherein applying the pre-determined technique includes applying a mask to select said additional bytes from said plurality of first voice packets.

Claim 8 (Cancelled)

Claim 9 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 6, wherein said generating said encoded voice packet uses a G.711 encoder.

Claim 10 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 6, wherein said creating said encrypted voice block employs Advanced Encryption Standard encryption.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): A computer software product for execution by a controller, the computer software product comprising:

code for generating an encoded voice packet from a speech sample, said encoded voice packet having a packet size and a plurality of bytes;

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code for dividing said encoded voice packet into a plurality of first voice blocks each having a block size, wherein said packet size is not divisible by said block size and yields a remainder;

code for creating [[an]] a plurality of first encrypted voice blocks from [[a]] said plurality of first voice blocks, said voice block having a block size, wherein said packet size is not divisible by said block size and yields a remainder;

~~code for dividing said encoded voice packet into a plurality of first voice blocks each having said block size;~~

~~code for providing said plurality of first voice blocks to said encryption unit;~~

code for creating a remainder voice block having said block size and including remainder bytes;

code for selecting additional bytes from said plurality of first voice blocks by applying a pre-determined technique to said plurality of first voice blocks;

code for including said additional bytes selected from said plurality of first voice blocks in said remainder voice block following said remainder bytes in said remainder voice block; and

code for ~~providing~~ creating an encrypted remainder voice block from said remainder voice block ~~to said encryption unit.~~

Claim 12 (Previously Presented): The computer software product of claim 11, wherein code for applying the pre-determined technique includes code for applying a mask to select said additional bytes from said plurality of first voice packets.

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Claim 13 (Cancelled)

Claim 14 (Original): The computer software product of claim 11, wherein said code for generating said encoded voice packet uses a G.711 encoder.

Claim 15 (Original): The computer software product of claim 11, wherein said code for creating said encrypted voice block employs Advanced Encryption Standard encryption.